Surface water for drinking in cities and towns

620. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of cities and towns covered with 100 per cent surface water for drinking water purposes;

(b) the time frame to cover such facilities in each metropolitan city; and

(c) the contribution of Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Since water supply is a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Governments and metropolitan cities to take appropriate measures for drinking water supply from surface water sources. As per a Study Report published by the Central Pollution Control Board in 1997, it was assessed that surface water is the major source for organized water supply in 23 metropolitan cities of the country (as per 1991 census).

(c) The contribution of Central Government is limited to policy formulation, technical guidance by the Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation, Central assistance under Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) for providing water supply facilities to towns of less than 20,000 population as per 1991 census, Mega City Scheme for urban infrastructure development, including water supply and obtaining external assistance through Department of Economic Affairs.

Housing societies to provide space for accommodation for service people

621. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to contain growth of slums around housing society buildings, Government have instructed housing societies

in Delhi to provide 15 per cent of the land area of the concerned society for accomodation of service people working in society's households; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The Government had issued guidelines for taking up Group Housing by Cooperative Societies and private builders *vide* Notification No. K-13011/17/96-DDIB dated 3rd June, 1999. The guidelines does not specify earmarking of any area of the Society for accommodating people working in society's households. However it stipulates that—

* All Group Housing while applying for sanction of plan, will make contribution to Housing for EWS Fund. The contribution will be @ Rs. 25,000 per dwelling unit of size 1000 sq. ft. (92.20 sq. m.) or more plinth area. The amount will be paid to the DDA. A separate escrow account for this purpose will be opened by the DDA. Funds available in the account will be utilized for construction of houses for the EWS. The Fund will be operated by DDA under specific direction of this Ministry.

  The private builders will ensure that minimum of 20% of the Dwelling Units constructed are for LIG category. Such flats should have a carpet area between 250 sq. ft. (23.22 sq. m.) minimum and 500 sq. ft. (46.44 sq. m.) maximum.

Exploitation of Labourers working in DMRC

†622. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers working in DMRC and since when they are working together with the amount paid for eight hours to each labourer;

(b) the number of hours the labourers are required to work at present together with the amount paid for this work;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.